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ELOY MAN RECEIVES 84 MONTHS FOR SMUGGLING ALIENS

PHOENIX – Juan Alfredo Perez, 31, of Eloy, Ariz., was sentenced on April 2 to 84 months in prison and three years supervised release, by U.S. District Judge James A. Teilborg. Perez had been found guilty by a federal jury on December 13, 2006, of Transportation of Illegal Aliens.

On October 12, 2006, Perez was arrested by Border Patrol Agents near I-10 in Eloy. He was driving a truck containing eight illegal aliens in the bed of the truck. Perez fled from the agents upon encounter. Perez drove in excess of 85 miles an hour on a dirt road, tried to run the agents off the road, in which the agents had to take immediate evasive action in order to avoid a head-on collision, and lead one agent on a foot chase over three barbed wire fences and through four lanes of heavy morning-commute traffic on Interstate 10. The Agent pursued and successfully apprehended Perez attempting to hide in a storage yard for a fiberglass pool company.

Perez not only had an extensive criminal history, but also received enhancements for having eight unrestrained aliens in the back of a pickup truck while driving over 85 miles per hour on dirt roads, and for trying to run the Border Patrol Agents off the road during the encounter.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the United States Border Patrol. The prosecution was handled by Tracey A. Bardorf, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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